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Dear Santa...

First of all, we'd like to say that every guy and girl at BCCC has been a perfect angel over the past year. No naughty college students here! We deserve the best stocking stuffers you and your elves can provide.

We understand you may have trouble deciding exactly what it is we all want, so check out our article on pages 14-15 for some great gift ideas.

Oh, and if it isn't too much to ask, please see that every student has a safe and enjoyable winter break and an unforgettable new year!

Don't forget your milk and cookies!

Happy Holidays!

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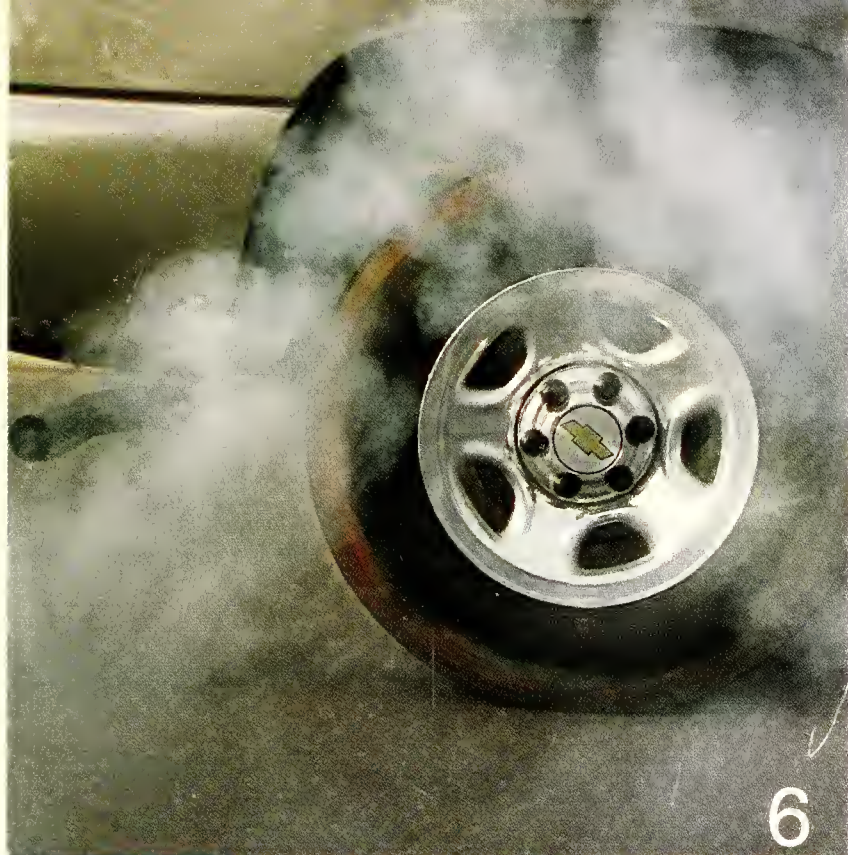
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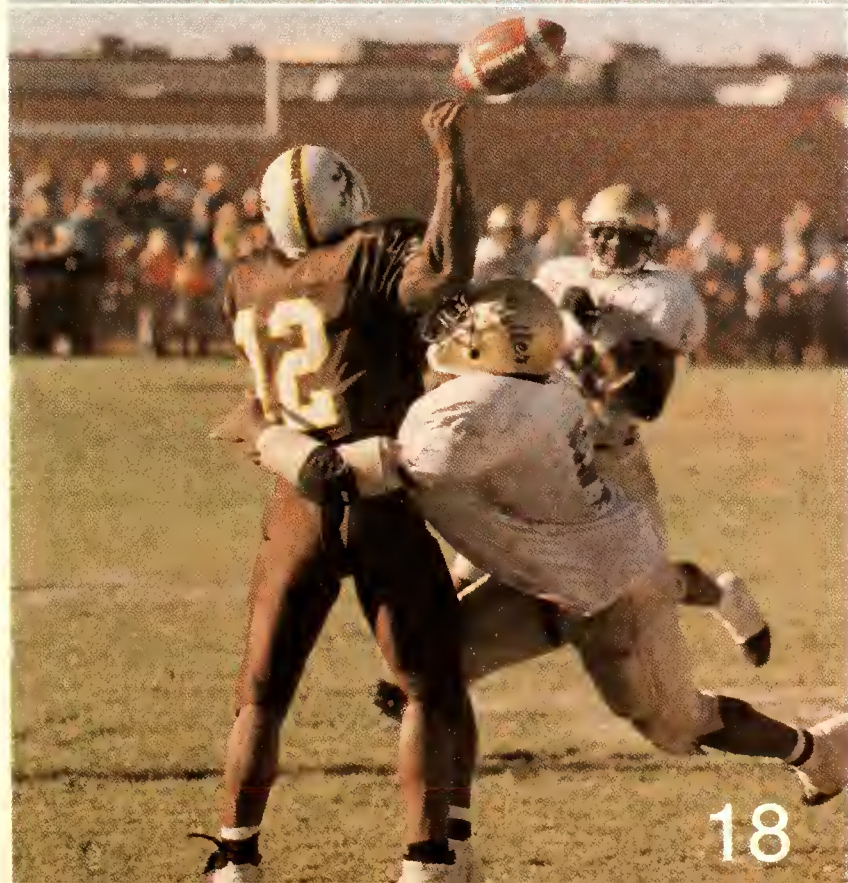
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HELPING A GOOD CAUSE

Story by Rachel Julius

Giving to others isn't just for Christmas time. The gift of giving goes on year round.

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esides receiving gifts for the holidays, have you ever thought about the gift of giving?

This year many families went without the big Christmas dinner and many children went without toys.

For the first time last semester, as a group, the Student Senate hosted a family or child during the holidays.

"We will either be doing a toy or food drive for Christmas," said Student Senate President Shonda Monaghan, Augusta

sophomore, before the holidays.

Through the local Salvation Army, the Senate is able to find a family or child to host.

If you would like to get involved in helping out with families in the future, contact 1-800-SAL-ARMY for the local Salvation Army near you.

"When it's over, it's a big relief. But it also feels good to help someone in need," said Monaghan.

Celebrating in Style

Story by Rachel Julius

Surprise! It's the year 2000 and we're all still here, walking, talking and breathing. Okay, so the world didn't come to an abrupt halt or a devastating end. Though some of us were concerned about the shift into the new millennium, many were living it up on the night of the countdown to the new year.

While some students partied the night away, others could have been found spending time with family or friends watching Dick Clark and the famous ball drop in Times Square. Either way, there's no doubt, BCCC students were celebrating in style.

Now that the year 2000 is upon us, one can only hope that the Y2K hype will become a thing of the past. No doubt some problems have occurred due to the Y2K disruptions, but it's time to focus on the future and learn from past mistakes. Let the start of a new year be an incentive to get your act together and follow through with your resolutions. It's time to begin again on a positive note. Think of it as your second chance at life. After all, we are fortunate to witness such an event in time, so make the most of it while you can.

What's your resolution?

"Take two hours a night for studying."

Colleen Smith, Derby sophomore

"To become a better person."

Jerry Garcia, Johnson freshman

"The same one I have every year: to lose weight."

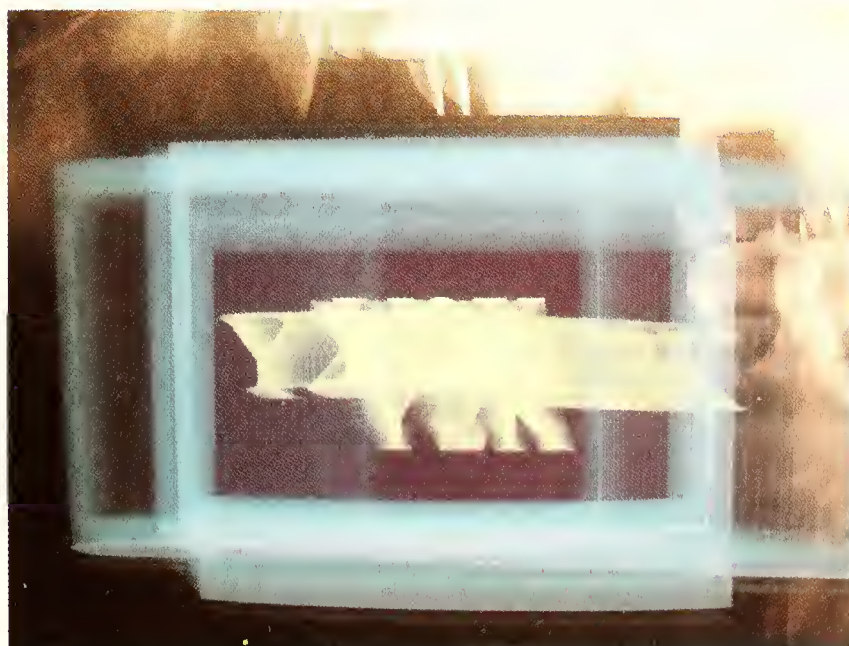
Dave Mitchell, Burns sophomore

"I don't have a New Year's resolution because I know I will just break it."

Fred Brunell, Towanda freshman

"To clean my apartment more often."

Amber Nelson, Derby freshman



Student *Automotive* *TRANSPORTATION*

Story by Dylan Storey

For the college student, buying a car can be especially difficult because of a lack of funds or knowledge about cars. We'll take a look at your options when you decide that you want to go ahead and purchase an automobile.



New cars

There are many things you will find in a new car from the factory. You will find things such as: better fuel efficiency due to the advanced techniques of fuel delivery, up-to-date styling and amenities, comprehensive warranties, increased power, decreased emissions, added safety features like antilock braking, multiple airbags and crumple zones.

However, these features come with additional initial expense, and with little or no credit it is almost impossible to get a loan without a co-signee. Even if a loan was possible it would be hard to make payments for a car, afford the insurance, pay for gas and for routine maintenance.



Used Cars

USED CARS-Dealership

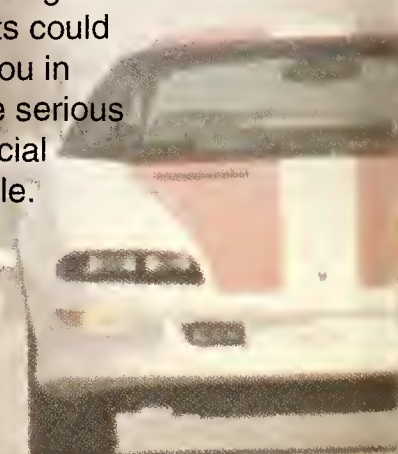
New cars depreciate thousands of dollars when purchased and driven off the lot. By buying a used car you are avoiding this additional cost. Some late model used cars still have warranties and have been well taken care of. They are also easier to finance.



USED CARS-Classifieds

There is a third option -- utilizing the classifieds. By shopping through the classifieds you are avoiding the mark-ups which dealerships need in order to turn a profit. However, by doing this there are no guarantees or warranties on the cars and they tend to be slightly older models. But if you are in the market for classic or other hard to find cars, this is one way to go.

A Z28 Camaro can be a fun car to drive, but insurance and speeding tickets could put you in some serious financial trouble.



Auctioned Cars

Yet another popular way to buy a car is in an auction. With an auction you have the potential to save a very substantial amount of money. This is because the seller of an auctioned car is either trying to sell the car quickly, or the car has been seized by some institution that is selling it to merely get rid of the vehicle for a minimal price.

There is, however, a down side to an auction. Most of the time you must bid on the vehicle of your choice without test driving it first.

AUCTION-Online

One more option available to a new or used car buyer is the recently introduced online auction. With an online auction you see pictures of the vehicle over the internet and then register and bid on the car. This method of buying has the

potential to save the buyer thousands of dollars and connect people in different regions who would under normal circumstances never associate. This new medium greatly expands the modern marketplace.

Although buying online explores a great new option in car buying, this option is by far the most precarious.

When purchasing a car online you are completely trusting the seller at his or her word.



A World of Difference

Story by Jessy Clonts

It's back to school and you've just celebrated "winter break" with your family. You recall marking the days on the calendar off with large "X's" as Christmas grew closer. You just couldn't wait for the presents, the traditional turkey, the presents, the family gatherings, and, oh yeah, the presents. But what about the people who don't celebrate Christmas, did they miss out? Hardly. Two-thirds of the population on this entire planet are non-Christian, and in the month of December countries and religions around the world celebrated approximately 24 different holidays. Each has a different history rich with stories, traditions, presents (!) and festivities. Here is a look at just a few of the holidays celebrated last month.

Hanukkah

The Jewish Feast of Lights originated in 165 BCE when the Jews in Judea defeated the Syrian Antiochus after a three year struggle for religious freedom from the Greeks. After the defeat they held festivities in the Temple of Jerusalem and dedicated it to God. The Jews cleaned the Syrian temple of Idols and found a small amount of oil to light their holy lamps that could only last for one day. Amazingly, it lasted for eight days, and the Jews were convinced it was a sign

December

			Pupil's Day *Iceland Independence Day *Portugal
Wun Por (Father's Day) *Thailand Discovery of Haiti *Haiti 5	Independence Day *Finland Day of the Constitution *Spain 6	Quema Del Diablo *Guatemala 7	Feast of the Immaculate Conception *Catholicism
Guadalupe Day *Mexico Maun Ekadashi *Jainism 12	St. Lucia Day *Italy, Sweden Guru Tag Bahadur Martyrdom Day *Hinduism 13	14	
19	20	21	Poya Day
Boxing Day *Britain, New Zealand, Canada Kwanzaa *African Americans 26	27	28	

that their efforts were not unnoticed.

Jewish families own an eight-stick candle holder called a menorah, and each day a service candle called a shamesh lights a new candle after sundown to illuminate the darkness of the world. The dreidel is a wood carving that resembles a top, and has letters on each side; it was originally used to study their teachings when they were being persecuted for their beliefs -- a guard would simply think it was a toy. Today the dreidel is used to play a gambling game called gelt.

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Day 1	2	3	4 Hanukkah (4-11) *Jewish
8	9 Ramadan (9-1/9) *Islam	10 Nobel Day *Sweden	11
15 Day of Reconciliation *South Africa Victory Day *Bangladesh	16	17	18
22 i Lanka Victory Day *Egypt Emperor's Birthday *Japan	23	24 Christmas Eve *Christianity	25 Christmas Day *Christianity
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

Kwanzaa

This holiday can be celebrated by many religions because it is a holiday for all African Americans, based on the African tradition of the festival celebrating the harvest of the first crops. Beginning on Dec. 26, this seven-day holiday centers around the "Nguzo Saba," or the seven principles of African culture. They are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose,

creativity and faith. Like Hanukkah, families own a seven-stick candleholder called a kinara, and one candle is lit for every night. Each day focuses on one principle, and in the evening the family lights one of the candles and discusses the principle. They may exchange homemade gifts, and towards the end of the holiday the community has a feast featuring traditional African food, music, dancing and ceremonies honoring their ancestors.

Ramadan

Practiced by Muslims, this is not considered a holiday but rather a holy month in which they fast and pray during the day and feast during the night to celebrate the first revelation of Muhammad. People continue to attend school and work, but in countries like Pakistan and India where Islam is prevalent, hotels and restaurants are closed. If the police catch a restaurant open within those communities the owners can be arrested. "The main reason we celebrate Ramadan is God wants us to have a taste of the poor who can't eat," says Muhammad Ali Quereshi, Wichita sophomore, who is Muslim.



Muslims pray five times a day in places of worship called mosques, which also serve as schools and shelter for the less fortunate.

photo courtesy of www.eyewire.com

Here at Butler there is a large mix of ethnic backgrounds, religions and cultures that play in to the reason we call it "Winter Break" and not "Christmas Break." Many students, particularly those in the foreign exchange program, felt like they were missing something amidst all of the celebrations during December.

"Last Christmas was my first Christmas away from home," said John Matheri, Kenya sophomore. "I felt left out because I didn't have anything to do so I went to work." Matheri is Roman Catholic but found that his cultural differences kept him from feeling his country's tradition of the celebration of Christmas. In Kenya, families kill a goat or sheep for a traditional family feast. "I went everywhere looking for a goat or sheep, Newton, Council Grove, but I couldn't find one. I did my first Christmas without a goat," Matheri said. For Baidya Berendra, Nepal sophomore, however, the commercialization of Christmas reminds him of his own religion, Hinduism. "I remember my own religious holiday, Tihar festival, is the greatest festival. People dress up and burn oil lights everywhere."

Remember, there are many different religions throughout the world and many sects within those religions. So next year while you're carving that turkey or ripping open those brightly wrapped presents, keep in mind that while the majority of Butler students will be celebrating Christmas, the majority of the rest of the world will be celebrating other holidays with the same enthusiasm.

Information taken from www.worldbook.com

Imagine yourself alone in a foreign country during one of the most celebrated holidays in the world: Christmas. Your family and all you are familiar with is hundreds of miles away. The celebrations and traditions are much different than the ones with which you were raised and you find yourself wondering, "Who is Santa Claus anyway?"

If you are an international student, chances are you didn't have to imagine what the above would be like; you may have just recently experienced it first hand.

Over 600 total international and permanent foreign residents are students who attend a Butler County Community College site. Of these are students coming from over 83 different countries

With the four week winter break now over, many of these students are thankful to be back in classes. It wasn't easy for some to spend the holiday abroad.

During Butler's winter break, dorm residents were required to move out. This left some international students without a place to stay.

"It's hard for some international students to hear about others going home for the holidays since they don't have that opportunity," said Janet Obando, International Student Advisor.

AN All-AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

Story by Lindsey Thorpe

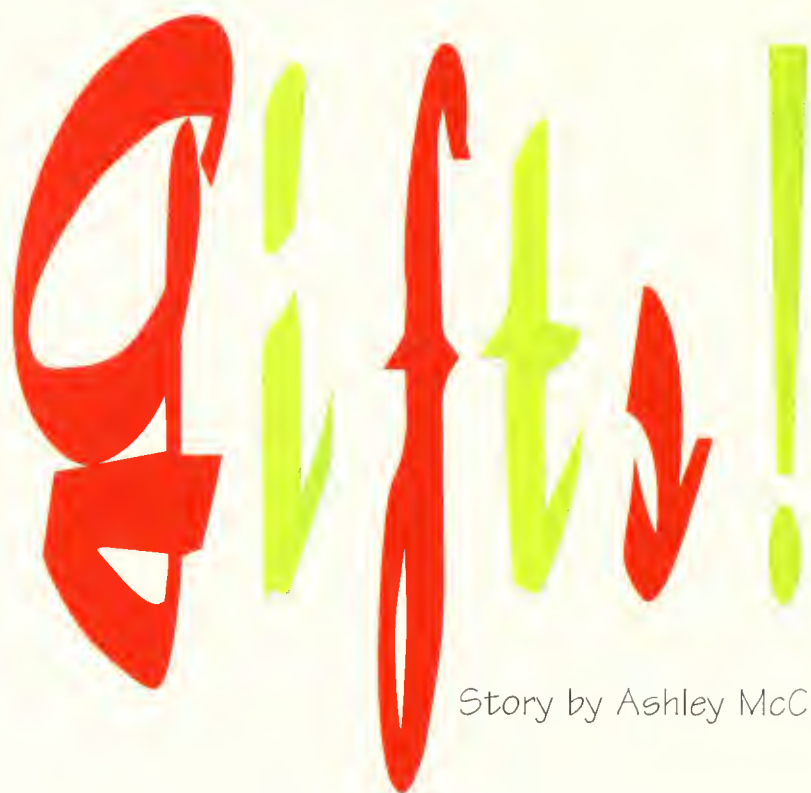


"Some students travel around the United States if they don't have family close by and if they are financially able."

Other students spend their break with friends, sharing their traditions as well as remembering their own. Students were able to experience the holidays in America but still keep in mind their family and friends back home and the rich traditions and memories they share.

TOP 10 COUNTRIES FROM WHICH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CAME

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|---------------|-------------|
| 1. KENYA | 2. MALAYSIA |
| 3. TANZANIA | 4. VIET NAM |
| 5. JAPAN | 6. PAKISTAN |
| 7. INDONESIA | 8. MEXICO |
| 9. BANGLADESH | 10. TAIWAN |



Story by Ashley McCullough

It is difficult to find the perfect Christmas gift, especially when it is for that special someone, family members, best friends or a girlfriend or boyfriend. With a little thought and creativity the normal hassle of Christmas shopping can become stress free next year.

For many students at BCCC, money tends to be a setback when purchasing gifts. Just remember the old saying, *It's the thought that counts*.

Homemade cards and gifts tend to mean more than a store bought card or gift. Remember those mushy little cards you made in elementary school for your classmates and family members? Your friends would love those. You can even make them on the computer. Don't forget about flowers during the holidays. Even the simplest of gifts can warm a heart with a personal touch.

Baking gifts are an inexpensive way to show someone you care too. Decorate a platter or a tin can with Christmas goodies such as gingerbread men, cinnamon candies or frosted sugar cookies.

If you have friends or relatives that you will be

unable to see for the holidays, then sending them gifts can be complicated.

To lessen the cost of shipping and handling, don't worry about getting out the boxes and packing tape. Send them a gift certificate to a nationwide department store or a restaurant. Shopping off of the Internet is less stressful too. The store is there in front of you with many gifts to choose from with the click of a button and a credit card.

When shopping for Christmas gifts try to avoid clothing, unless you are confident the person you are shopping for will like it or you already know they want it. Don't wait until the last minute to do your

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shopping either. According to www.christmas.com, of the Americans who celebrate a holiday in December, 98 percent of them celebrate Christmas. Twenty-four percent of the men and 21 percent of the women don't finish their shopping until Christmas Eve. Having to give money because you procrastinated isn't a very sincere gift.

While shopping, it's a good idea to buy extra gifts for those unexpected people. Pick up inexpensive little items in case someone gives you a gift. This way you will have something to give in return. During the gift exchange season don't get grumpy about giving. Keep these helpful ideas in mind to make your shopping fun and easy.

FOR HIM



FOR HER



Don't forget to send cards and gifts to:

Family Members	Manicurist
Babysitter	Minister
Car Pool Driver	Neighbor
Classmates	Paper Carrier
Coaches	Priest
Co-workers	Secret Pal
Hairdresser	Special Friend
Handyman	Teacher
Housekeeper	Veterinarian
Mail Carrier	Boyfriend/Girlfriend

HELMS AT THE HELM OF MEN'S BASKETBALL

Story by Mr. Michael Swan

New Butler men's basketball coach Dennis Helms faces a reconstruction project this season. He won't say it, but without time to recruit hard, and with a lot of scoring gone from last year, his blueprint is going to be tough to complete quickly.

But he's happy with the effort of his squad, even though it's been difficult for them to put together a good game from start to finish so far.

The Grizzlies certainly have someone with a resume that shows his ability to build teams. What jumps off that resume is his decade (1986-1996) as the head man at Odessa College, a two-year school in Odessa, Texas.

His best player there was NBA high profile star Larry Johnson, now with the New York Knicks. Johnson, who won an NCAA championship while at UNLV, came to Odessa after graduating from Dallas Skyline High School. He was national high school player of the year in 1986, yet his test scores couldn't get him into a four-year institution. He entered Odessa College with a seventh-grade

equivalency and left two years later with senior equivalency. In turn, Johnson funded a tutorial program at the school (\$24,000 a year) to help thank Helms for pushing him to improve his reading level. Johnson said Helms always told him to take a book to read.

Johnson led the Wranglers to two Region V championships in 1987 and 1988, although they never won a national title.

The recruiting of Johnson was a "battle," Helms said. He spent time in the projects in Dallas, staying nine days. The whole process was even "bigger than I had imagined," he said. Johnson was a big national name and it didn't hurt that Helms also had other Dallas players in Odessa.

Helms also coached:

-- Alvin Robertson, an NBA all-star who spent most of his career with the San Antonio Spurs, at Crowder College in Missouri. Robertson went pro after a standout career at the University of Arkansas.

-- NBA players Moochie Norris and Rodney



Dent at Odessa.

-- Tajudeen Soyoye (look for him at the University of Missouri this year). Soyoye was named "Most Outstanding Physical Science Student" at Meridian Community College in Mississippi, Helms's last coaching stop.

Helms was hired in 1996 to rebuild Meridian's program, which had fallen on hard times. The team finished fifth in the 1999 national tourney.

But he likes Kansas better and has spent a lot of time in the Midwest. The McKeesport, Pa., native journeyed all the way to Iowa Western CC in Clarinda, Iowa 30 years ago and Upper Iowa University in Fayette (graduating in 1969). He was steered there by his friend and mentor, Lanny Van Eman, who was an assistant coach at the University of Iowa. Van Eman also hails from McKeesport. Helms took a plane to Chicago but then it was a long, boring train ride to Villisca, Iowa, to get him where he needed to be.

He spent a couple of years as the head coach in Elwood, Iowa, and then moved on for another year at a larger high school in Warren, Ark., as coach. He took a major step up when he was awarded the contract for the head job at Des Moines, Iowa, North High School where he spent five years (1972-1977). To satisfy his need for bigger projects, he moved on to Iowa Western as coach this time (1977-1980), where he filled in for local teachers to supplement his low coaching salary.

But he wanted to get that construction apprenticeship. His teams played in some barn-like gyms, including one in Centerville, Iowa, which then housed the Indian Hills team. He left his shaving kit there one time and found it in the same place when his team returned the next year.

Then it was on to Crowder College in Neosho, Mo. He scaled the girders as an assistant from 1984-1986 at the University of North Texas before going on to Odessa, where he met his wife, Gloria. They've been married seven years and her move to Mississippi was her first time to relocate out of her native state.

He is also father to Eric, 17, who goes to school in Andover. The two have a very close relationship.

Helms is extremely pleased to be in an area that has a lot of "excitement for basketball."

His 19 junior college coaching years have added up to a 461-144 record.



Coach Helms orchestrates practice with his young team.

FIRST COMES GREATNESS

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THEN COMES GLORY

Story by Sofia Talavera

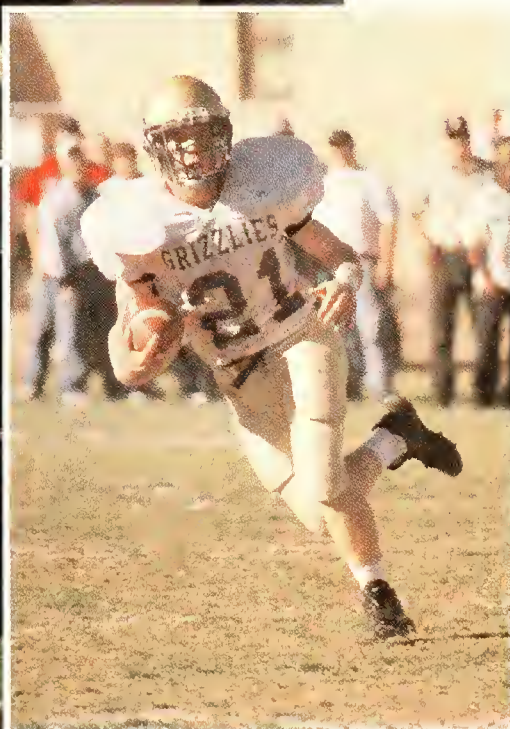
The players stay focused, the teams stay strong, and the winning continues. It's not an easy task, even when the winning hand is in your favor, for the body rebels against any agonizing usage and must be disciplined by the spirit and the mind. The players must

remain alert despite the signs of fatigue and pain when maneuvering for position, and must contain strength to take control of the game. Some of these athletes didn't have to be so active or dedicated to the sport loved by millions but they put their heart and

soul into the game. Some will stay and some will move on, leaving behind a piece of their own legend. There are only 60 minutes of playing time filled with a lifetime of memories.

With a 5-0 record, Butler faced Garden City in El Dorado at





Blackmore Stadium. During the first quarter of the game not a single point was made. Rudi Johnson of Colonial Heights, Va. ran for a touchdown from 54 yards out but Butler trailed at the half, 14-10. With minutes turning into seconds and the score tied 38-38, sophomore Adam Stiles of Wichita, Kan., attempted a 42-yard field goal. The snap was off and Butler lost control. They went into overtime with Butler taking first possession. Again Butler attempted a field goal, but it was blocked by Garden City's defensive line. The Grizzlies played an intense game but lost in overtime, 44-38. There were an estimated 5,000 plus spectators and not one of them was left sitting down. Fans

had formed a ring around the field. The Grizzlies' 17-game winning streak was put to a devastating halt and their ranking changed from number 1 to number 5.

"That loss was the worst feeling that I have ever felt," said freshman David Routt of Cincinnati Ohio. "There is no worse feeling than that of defeat when you want something so bad."

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The remainder of the regular season was smooth sailing for the Grizzlies as they beat Highland at homecoming, 46-14, and Dodge City on the road, 84-7. Then it was time for the Jayhawk conference playoffs. Butler thrashed Dodge City again, 70-7.

"During the Dodge City game the atmosphere was dead, there was no enthusiasm; we just gave them a pure butt whooping," said sophomore Sam Breeden of Hamlett, N.C.

In their first game of the

playoffs Butler lost two starters, freshman Stevie Williams of Dallas, Texas and freshman Chavez Donnings of Tallahassee, Fla.

In the second game of the playoffs, the Grizzlies played Hutchinson Community College and won 38-7. Butler dominated the entire first half as they drove the ball 81 yards and scored on their first possession of the game.

The Grizzlies played Garden City Community College for the Jayhawk championship.

In the first quarter, Garden

City went ahead 14-0. With 7:06 left in the first half, Johnson took a late pitch from quarterback Daniel Cobb of Marietta, Ga. and ran for a 26-yard touchdown. Only two plays later, freshman Michael Kendall of Pratt, Kan., recovered a dropped snap at Garden City's 13-yard line. Soon after, Cobb caught a seven-yard pass from Johnson for a TD and the game was tied, 14-14. As Butler's momentum continued to rise, so did the score in the second half. With a 45-yard reception by Sam Breeden, Johnson then ran ten yards for another touchdown. Garden City then had a high snap that was recovered by Butler sophomore Carl Witherspoon of Kingston, Tenn. That turned into a field goal by Stiles. With a quarter left to go Butler led 31-27. With a Butler field goal and another Garden City touchdown, the score was tied, 34-34. Stiles hit the winning field goal from 24 yards out. The final score was 37-34.

"Every game we played after we had lost to Garden City I





couldn't think of anything else other than another chance to play against them," said Breeden. "It was a game for revenge. We wanted them more than anything so we could prove that we were better than them."

Butler earned the right to defend their national title. They played top-ranked Dixie (Utah) in the Dixie Rotary Bowl.





60 minutes for a lifetime of memories

Story by Rachel Julius

*On Dec. 4,
Butler
became the
second junior
college in
history to
win back to
back national
football
titles.*

Blue skies, mild weather and no wind started off the 14th annual Dixie Rotary Bowl in St. George, Utah. It was a beautiful day for running back Rudi Johnson and Butler, as the team won 49-35. Johnson ran for a record-breaking 373 yards and seven touchdowns, and the Grizzlies secured their second straight national championship.

Starting off the game at high noon, Adam Stiles delivered a booming kick-off.

Only two minutes into the game, Dixie made a touchdown and led 7-0.

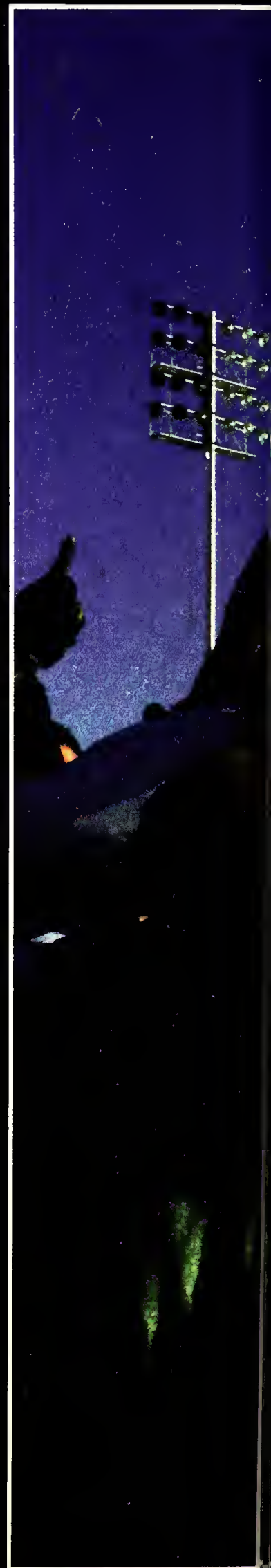
With Dixie ahead, Butler was not

going to let the setback get their spirits down. Four minutes into the second quarter, Johnson ran for a two yard touchdown.

Two series later, Johnson streaked 66 yards for another score. Later, wide receiver Sam Breeden caught a 46-yard pass from quarterback Daniel Cobb, allowing Johnson to run 25 yards for another touchdown two plays later.

Then, Johnson carried the ball two yards into the end zone, leaving Butler ahead by 21 points at the end of the half.

Butler took the second half kickoff





and, having no time to piddle around, Johnson once again stuffed in a TD off a screen pass from 17 yards out. In answer to the Grizzly touchdown, Dixie made a comeback with a pass for six with eight minutes remaining in the quarter. But Johnson made a 25-yard TD soon after. Then, he would add a five-yard touchdown run. The Grizzlies led 49-14 at the end of the third quarter.

Turning the tables, Dixie made three touchdowns in the fourth quarter but it was too late.

Fans poured onto the field to congratulate the 1999 national football champions. Butler made history by winning back to back national championships. They are only the second team in history to accomplish that feat.

"We were anxious to play, to get back on the field," said Coach James Shibest.

Johnson was named MVP and national player of the year.

LET THE CELEBRATION BEGIN! Even though defensive coach Steve Braet had some anxious moments (center), the Grizzlies pounded Dixie 49-35. Rudi Johnson (bottom center) goes in for one of his record breaking seven touchdowns. photos by Dylan Storey and Jessy Clonts



We are the Champions!